



Team Overview

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Conference Titles	
	X 0
Past Conf. Titles: 5	

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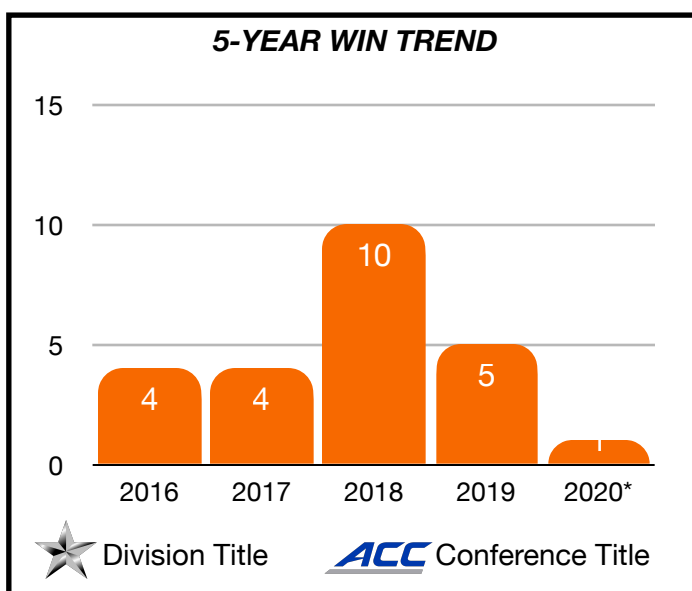
All-Time Record: **724-547-49**

Location: **Syracuse, NY**

Official Colors
Orange
Blue

Coach: **Dino Babers**
(6th Year: 24-36)

2020 Results: **1-10 (1-9 ACC)**















Stadium: Carrier Dome - Capacity: 49,250



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2021 Schedule and Past Results

2021 Syracuse Schedule		
Week	Date	Team
1	Sat, Sept 4	 @ Ohio
2	Sat, Sept 11	 vs. Rutgers
3	Sat, Sept 18	 vs. Albany
4	Fri, Sept 24	 vs. Liberty
5	Sat, Oct 2	 @ Florida State
6	Sat, Oct 9	 vs. Wake Forest
7	Fri, Oct 15	 vs. Clemson
8	Sat, Oct 23	 @ Virginia Tech
9	Sat, Oct 30	 vs. Boston C
10	Bye Week	
11	Sat, Nov 13	 @ Louisville
12	Sat, Nov 20	 @ NC State
13	Sat, Nov 27	 vs. Pittsburgh

Conference Games in Bold

2015 (4-8, 2-6 ACC)	
vs. Rhode Island	W 47-0
vs. Wake Forest	W 30-17
vs. C. Michigan	W 30-27
vs. #8 LSU	L 24-34
@ South Florida	L 24-45
@ Virginia	L 38-44
vs. #25 Pittsburgh	L 20-23
@ #17 Florida St.	L 21-45
@ Louisville	L 17-41
vs. #1 Clemson	L 27-37
@ NC State	L 29-42
vs. Boston C	W 20-17

2016 (4-8, 2-6 ACC)	
vs. Colgate	W 33-7
vs. #13 Louisville	L 28-62
vs. South Florida	L 20-45
@ UConn	W 31-24
vs. Notre Dame*	L 33-50
@ Wake Forest	L 9-28
vs. #17 Va Tech	W 31-17
@ Boston College	W 28-20
@ #3 Clemson	L 0-54
vs. NC State	L 20-35
vs. #17 Florida St.	L 14-45
@ Pittsburgh	L 61-76

2017 (4-8, 2-6 ACC)	
vs. C. Conn St.	W 50-7
vs. Middle Tenn	L 23-30
vs. C. Michigan	W 41-17
@ #25 LSU	L 26-35
@ NC State	L 25-33
vs. Pittsburgh	W 27-24
vs. #2 Clemson	W 27-24
@ #8 Miami (FL)	L 19-27
@ Florida State	L 24-27
vs. Wake Forest	L 43-64
@ Louisville	L 10-56
vs. Boston C	L 14-42

2018 (10-3, 6-2 ACC)	
@ W. Michigan	W 55-42
vs. Wagner	W 62-10
vs. Florida State	W 30-7
vs. UConn	W 51-21
@ #3 Clemson	L 23-27
@ Pittsburgh	L 37-44
vs. North Carolina	W 40-37
vs. #22 NC State	W 51-41
@ Wake Forest	W 41-24
vs. Louisville	W 54-23
vs. #3 ND*	L 3-36
@ Boston College	W 42-21
vs. #15 WVU*	W 34-18

2019 (5-7, 2-6 ACC)	
@ Liberty	W 24-0
@ Maryland	L 20-63
vs. #1 Clemson	L 6-41
vs. W. Michigan	W 52-33
vs. Holy Cross	W 41-3
@ NC State	L 10-16
vs. Pittsburgh	L 20-27
@ Florida State	L 17-35
vs. Boston C	L 27-58
@ Duke	W 49-6
@ Louisville	L 24-56
vs. Wake Forest	W 39-30

2020 (1-10, 1-9 ACC)	
@ #18 N. Carolina	L 6-31
@ #25 Pittsburgh	L 10-21
vs. Georgia Tech	W 37-20
vs. Duke	L 24-38
vs. Liberty	L 21-38
@ #1 Clemson	L 21-47
vs. Wake Forest	L 14-38
vs. Boston C	L 13-16
@ Louisville	L 0-30
vs. NC State	L 29-36
@ #2 Notre Dame	L 21-45

Key Games

Sat, Sept 11: vs. Rutgers - With Greg Schiano back at the helm of Rutgers, the Scarlet Knights showed in 2020 that they won't be a pushover and should be an early test for an Orange team needing any and all wins they can get.

Fri, Sept 24: vs. Liberty - The Flames knocked off the Orange in the Carrier Dome 21-38 last season and are back looking to do the same thing again. It didn't help that Syracuse was without QB Tommy DeVito. The Orange will want their revenge in this game before the ACC slate begins.

Sat, Nov 13: @ Louisville - This could be the most winnable ACC contest on the 'Cuse's schedule. Louisville shutout Syracuse 0-30 in last year's matchup and also won 34-56 in 2019, so this will mark the third straight year the Orange head to Kentucky.

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2020 Team Statistics

Points Scored	Points Allowed	Passing Yards	Rushing Yards	Turnover Margin
17.8	32.7	173.3	92.0	+3
117th in FBS	90th in FBS	110th in FBS	121st in FBS	T-45th in FBS

2021 Projections

Key Players



#34 - Sean Tucker - RB

Tucker had a solid year as a freshman in a difficult season where Syracuse struggled mightily on offense. Tucker posted 674 yards rushing with 4 touchdowns despite an offensive line that has been crippled with injuries over the last two years. The line should be improved and Tucker should have an even better season with a full semi-normal offseason. Plus, Garrett Shrader is the likely QB and his dual-threat ability could open up more holes for Tucker this year.

#3 - Mikel Jones - Sophomore LB

Jones is a playmaker on defense, who led the team in both tackles (69) and interceptions (4) from the linebacker position. He also grabbed four fumbles to give him a total of eight turnovers which was the best mark in the entire country. While the turnovers are very helpful, Jones will need to be a leader on a defensive unit that returns 10 starters but was one of the weaker defenses in the conference.



Head coach Dino Babers led the Orange to an impressive 10 win season where Syracuse was ranked as high as #12 in 2018. Then came a step down in 2019 with a 5-7 record and a complete disaster in 2020, winning just one game. The good news for Babers is that he is still the head coach, the bad news is that he has one of the hottest seats in college football. The defense has struggled, but the decimation of the offensive line has spelled the most trouble for the Orange. At one point last season, Babers had to convert full back and defensive tackle Chris Elmore to start games at left guard. That all happened a year after the 'Cuse gave up a stunning 50 sacks in 2019. In order for Babers to survive this season, it is critical the offensive line improves and even more important, stay healthy.

Syracuse welcomes transfer quarterback Garrett Shrader from Mississippi State. Shrader is a dual-threat option which fits Babers' offense better than the quarterbacks used the last two years. Eric Dungey threw for a school-record 9,340 yards and rushed for nearly 2,000 more between 2015-2018, culminating in that 10-win 2018 campaign. It's unrealistic to think Shrader could reach that level of production, at least right away, but his legs and big frame at 6-4 220 can only help the offense.

The defense struggled to contain the run, but the defensive front should be better this year. The Orange will need to regroup however, as Andre Cisco and Ifeatu Melifonwu were both drafted in the third round. The 'Cuse might make up some ground with special teams, where Lou Groza award winner and All-American Andre Szmyt returns. In short, the non-conference alone indicates the Orange will win more than one game, but it's still doubtful they can reach a bowl game this season.

Aaron's Projection: (3-9) 7th in ACC Atlantic

